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CHRISTMAS IS TIME TO SHARE THE LOVE OF GOD AND SPREAD PEACE

Beloved people of South Sudan and Christian fraternity, I warmly bring you seasons greetings in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus, may the peace of the Lord be multiplied in our lives forevermore, Amen.

As we celebrate this Christmas season, our thoughts turn to that sacred event long ago when the “Prince of Peace” and the Light of the World was born, (see Isaiah 9:6). This is a remarkable event that is celebrated globally, the birth of the Saviour of the world.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are thankful for the gift of faith, a gift of 'good news' that opens up for us the beautiful message of this holy season, namely, that God loves us so much that he sent his only Son to redeem us and to show us the way to the Father in heaven.

The best Christmas gift we can give each other is to share our faith with loved ones and strangers alike, proclaiming the joyous tidings that 'God is with us.' And we should not just share our faith, but we should reach out to one another with all the blessings God has given us, especially the gift of peace. **Our world, our country and our homes are often witnesses to violence, prejudice, and fear that affects mostly women and children. Christmas is a time for us to counter these ills by loving each other as deeply as God loved us by sending us his son and spread peace among ourselves as Christ is the Prince of Peace. Our Baptist Church community wishes peace and good will to all in South Sudan, assuring you of our prayers and best wishes always.**

We sincerely pray this Christmastime that the light and testimony of the Savior will come into our hearts, that our lives will reflect his life and attributes, and that people everywhere will accept the blessings of his mercy and grace that are made possible through his atoning sacrifice.

May each of us be blessed during this joyous time of the year, and may we acknowledge with gratitude our Heavenly Father's incomparable gift to us his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Merry Christmas!

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